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SUBJ: ESCAP 34TH SESSION

1. DURING ACPR 30TH SESSION ON 24 FEBRUARY, SECRETARIAT TABLED AN ELABORATE 19 PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED PLEDGING CONFERENCE ON THE ESCAP WORK PROGRAM AND THE REGIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. DOCUMENT CONTAINED A 15 POINT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR TWO SEPARATE PLEDGING MEETINGS DURING THE 34TH COMMISSION MEETING UNDER ITEM 5. IT ALSO INCLUDED LEGTHY RULES OF PROCEDURE, TERMS AND ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, SCRUTINY OF CREDENTIALS AND A DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. DISCUSSION OF DOCUMENT REVEALED WIDE CONSENSUS IN RESISTEANCE TO WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN UNWIELDY INHIBITING INSTRUMENT WHICH COULD ONLY SERVE TO DISCOURAGE VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED PLEDGING CONFERENCE. CRITICISM CAME FROM JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, UK, BANGLADESH AND OTHERS. INDIA INVITED THE SECRETARIAT TO INFORM THE ACPR THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHO SUPPORTED A PLEDGING SESSION. THE SECRETARIAT FAILED TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION NOR DID THEY SATISFACTORILY ANSWER OTHER QUERIES WHICH WERE POSED.

3. ACPR CONCLUDED THE PRPOSED DOCUMENT WAS TOO FORMAL AND UNACCEPTABLE. MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER UNCLASSIFIED

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PLEDGING CONTRIBUTIONS AT AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH AN UN-COMPLICATED FORMAT. WHAT WAS REQUIRED FROM THE SECRETARIAT WAS A BRIEF DOCUMENT INDICATING THE SHORTFALL IN FUNDS FOR THE WORK PROGRAM AND THE REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS; WHAT FUNDS WERE NEEDED AND WHAT WERE AVAILABLE FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET, UNDP ETC. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS, WHO SAT MUTELY THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION, FINALLY AGREED TO AN INFORMAL

MEETING DURING 34TH SESSION AND PROMISED A REVISED SIMPLIFIED  
DOCUMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY AN ACPR AD HOC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH. WE WILL CABLE RESULTS PROMPTLY.

4. COMMENT: PLEDGING SESSION FOR 34TH SESSION UNDER AGENDA  
ITEM 5 IS OFF TO A BAD START AND LIKELY TO PROVE DISAPPOINTING.  
THIS HAS BEEN A PET PROJECT OF MARAMIS WHO HAS PRESSED AHEAD  
DESPITE THE LUKEWARM RECEPTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE ACPR SINCE  
THE INITIAL PROPOSAL WAS MADE. SECRETARIAT PRESENTATION WAS  
INEPT AND SIMPLY AGGRAVATED THE SITUATION. THEY MIGHT HAVE  
GAINED SOME SYMPATHY BY CONCENTRATING ON A SIMPLE FORMAT FOR  
PLEDGES TO THE REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS ONLY. AFTER TESTING THE  
RESPONSE, PLEDGING FOR THE ESCAP WORK PROGRAM COULD HAVE BEEN  
CONSIDERED FOR THE 35TH COMMISSION SESSION.  
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